

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 12

Introduced by Assembly Member Goldberg
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Dutra, Kehoe, Leno, and Reyes)

December 2, 2002

An act to add Sections 60045.1 and 60200.3 to the Education Code, relating to instructional materials.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 12, as introduced, Goldberg. Instructional materials: adoption: reading level.

(1) Existing law authorizes the governing boards of school districts to adopt instructional materials for use in school districts.

This bill would require each governing board, when adopting materials in specified subject matters, to adopt those materials in a manner that will provide each pupil with materials appropriate for his or her reading level.

(2) Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt basic instructional materials for use in kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive, for use by school district governing boards.

This bill would require the state board when adopting materials for grades 4 to 8, inclusive, in specified subject matters to adopt those materials in a manner that will provide each pupil with materials appropriate for his or her reading level.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 60045.1 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 60045.1. All instructional materials for mathematics,
4 reading, English language arts, social sciences, history, and
5 science adopted by any governing board for use in the schools shall
6 be, to the satisfaction of the governing board, adopted in a manner
7 that provides each pupil with materials they can read
8 independently and that are appropriate for their respective reading
9 levels.
- 10 SEC. 2. Section 60200.3 is added to the Education Code, to
11 read:
12 60200.3. The state board shall ensure that the basic
13 instructional materials that it adopts for mathematics, reading,
14 language arts, social sciences, history, and science, to be used in
15 grades 4 to 8, inclusive, are adopted in a manner that provides each
16 pupil with materials they can read independently and that are
17 appropriate for their respective reading levels.

